

possibility of a CRADA for similar activities should contact the U.S. Geological Survey no later than 30 days from the publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David S. Mueller, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, 9818 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, KY 40299; telephone (502) 493-1935; fax (502) 493-1909; email dmueller@usgs.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-74804]

Notice of Coal Lease Offering by Sealed Bid

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155. Notice is hereby given that at 1:00 p.m., May 14, 1998, certain coal resources in lands hereinafter described in Carbon County, Utah will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid of \$100.00 per acre or more to the qualified bidder submitting the highest bonus bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (41 Stat. 437). However, no bid will be accepted for less than fair market value as determined by the authorized officer. A company or individual is limited to one sealed bid. If a company or individual submits two or more sealed bids for this tract, all of the company's or individual's bids will be rejected.

This lease is being offered for sale under the provisions set forth in the regulations for Leasing on Application at 43 CFR 3425.

The lease sale will be held in the Bureau of Land Management Conference Room, 324 South State Street, Suite 302, Salt Lake City, Utah, at 1:00 p.m. on May 14, 1998. At that time, the sealed bids will be opened and read. No bids received after 10:00 a.m., May 14, 1998, will be considered.

Coal Offered: The coal resources to be offered consist of all recoverable reserves available in the following described lands located in Carbon County, Utah, approximately 15 miles northwest of Price, Utah:

T. 13 S., R. 8 E., SLM, Utah
Sec. 6, SESW, S2SE, NWSE;
Sec. 7, lots 1-3, E2, E2W2;

Sec. 8, SWNE, NWNW, S2NW, N2SW,
SWSW, W2SE;
Sec. 17, N2NW, SWNE;
Sec. 18, NENE.

Containing 1,288.49 acres.

One economically recoverable coal bed, the Hiawatha Seam is found in this tract. The seam averages 6.7 feet in thickness. This tract contains an estimated 6.3 million tons of recoverable high volatile B bituminous coal.

The estimated coal quality using weighted averages of samples on an as-received basis is:

12,328: BTU/lb.;
6.72: Percent moisture;
0.53: Percent sulphur;
6.17: Percent ash;
45.09: Percent fixed carbon;
42.17: Percent volatile matter.

Rental and Royalty: A lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3 per acre or fraction thereof and a royalty payable to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal mined by surface methods, and 8 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods. The value of coal shall be determined in accordance with BLM Manual 3070.

Notice of Availability: Bidding instructions are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale. A copy of the detailed statement and the proposed coal lease are available by mail at the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155 or in the Public Room (Room 400), 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111. All case file documents and written comments submitted by the public on Fair Market Value or royalty rates except those portions identified as proprietary by the commentator and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, are available for public inspection in the Public Room (Room 400) of the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: April 8, 1998.

Robert Lopez,
Acting Deputy State Director, Natural Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-960-1990-00]

Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, Montana

AGENCY: Butte District Office, Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of Butte District Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, Montana.

SUMMARY: The Council will convene at 9 AM, Wednesday, May 20, 1998. Issues to be discussed include the Whitetail/Pipestone off-road vehicle alternatives and BLM's two-tier system. A field trip is tentatively planned to the Tailpipe area.

The meeting is open to the public and written comments may be given to the Council. Oral comments may be presented to the Council at 11 AM. The time allotted for oral comment may be limited, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meeting, or need special assistance, such as sign language or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Butte District, 106 North Parkmont (PO Box 3388), Butte, Montana 59702-3388, telephone 406-494-5059.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Owings at the above address or telephone number.

Dated: April 3, 1998.

Michele D. Good,
Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-070-1320-01]

Notice of Intent for a 30-Day Comment Period on the Draft (Proposed) Amendment to the Farmington RMP, Invitation for Public Involvement and Call for Information on Coal, and Other Minerals and Resources; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Farmington Field Office, has prepared a Draft of the Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for BLM-managed Federal Minerals in San Juan County, New Mexico. The Code of Federal Regulations, Title 43, Subpart 1600 (43 CFR 1600) will be followed in the preparation of this plan amendment.

The public is invited to participate in this land use plan amendment effort. Written comments or suggested additional issues will be accepted through May 19, 1998. This notice is to